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### WEEK-DAY SCHEDULE.

Leaves Brownsville daily.....5:30 p. m.  
Arrive Point Isabel.....7:00 p. m.  
Leaves.....6:30 a. m.  
Arrive Brownsville.....8:00 a. m.

### SUNDAY SCHEDULE.

Leave Point Isabel.....6:00 a. m.  
Arrive Brownsville.....7:30 a. m.  
Leave.....9:30 a. m.  
Arrive Point Isabel.....10:30 a. m.  
Leave.....3:00 p. m.  
Arrive Brownsville.....4:30 p. m.  
Leave.....5:30 p. m.  
Arrive Point Isabel.....7:00 p. m.

## TIME TABLE

St. L., B. & M. Ry.

### NORTH BOUND.

Train No. 1 leaves Brownsville daily except Sunday at 9:45 a. m.  
Leaves Harlingen at 10:55 a. m.  
Arrives Kingsville at 3:20 p. m.  
Arrives at Robstown at 4:32 p. m.  
Arrives at Sinton at 6 p. m.

### SOUTH BOUND.

Train No. 6 leaves Sinton at 9:30 a. m.  
Train No. 2 arrives at Kingsville at 12:12 p. m.  
Arrives at Harlingen at 4:30 p. m.  
Arrives at Brownsville at 5:40 p. m.  
Train No. 1 out of Brownsville arrives at Corpus Christi at 5:30 p. m.  
Train No. 4 from Corpus Christi arrives in Brownsville at 5:40 p. m.

### SAN FORDYCE BRANCH.

Train No. 22 leaves Sanfordyce at 7:50 a. m.; arrives at Harlingen at 10:50 a. m.; and Brownsville at 12:20 p. m.  
Train No. 21 leaves Brownsville at 3 p. m.; arrives at Harlingen at 4:32 p. m.; and Sanfordyce at 7:30 p. m.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS.

THE HERALD is authorized to announce

**John N. Garner,**

as a candidate for re-election to Congress from the Fifteenth Congressional District, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

THE HERALD is authorized to announce

**John G. Willacy,**

as a candidate for State Senator from the 32nd, Senatorial District, subject to the action of the Democratic primaries.

The Herald, Daily and Weekly, is the only paper published in Cameron county.

## IS TEXAS LAW SUPREME?

A most pertinent editorial on the act of the government in removing from here the negro soldiers who were arrested at Fort Brown on charge of complicity in the outrage on Brownsville, is the following from the San Antonio Gazette:

Are the state courts or the army supreme in Texas in the enforcement of the state laws?

This is the simple question raised by the latest action of the war department in ordering that the negro soldiers charged with murder at Brownsville be removed to Fort Sam Houston and it is a question of the utmost import to the people of all states in the Union.

These negro soldiers were under arrest on bench warrants issued by a district judge charging them with murder. Notwithstanding this, the war department ordered the commandant at Fort Brown to turn them over to the military authorities at Fort Sam Houston. This looks very much as if the war department intended to protect the accused negroes at any cost and in defiance of the authority of a Texas court.

To avoid a clash the district judge revoked the bench warrants. As a peace measure this was probably wise, but it leaves the question open whether Texas is to be left free to execute its processes in

the enforcement of its own laws, or whether the federal government is to usurp the supreme authority in this state.

President Roosevelt is treading dangerous ground in this Brownsville affair. The people of Brownsville and of Texas have been marvelously patient under extreme provocation, but their patience has an end. If the state administration had not acted the part of supine acquiescence in whatever the war department chose to do, this affair would have been handled by the state of Texas in no uncertain manner at the very start.

The Gazette is quite right in its criticism of the attitude of the state government in regard to the Brownsville case. It is not at all unlikely that, had this trouble occurred at any other time than during the encampment at Austin, the governor and adjutant general would have acted more promptly and independently not only in sending aid to Brownsville, which our people vainly sought at Austin, but also in resenting the outrage by United States soldiers against the state of Texas, and in demanding the promptest measures for the discovery and punishment of the criminals. Undoubtedly some half defined feeling of courtesy due to the state's guests, in the person of the army officers, and the United States soldiery who were participating in the maneuvers at Austin, had effect in causing the state officials to be slow in pressing resentment at this gross outrage by a part of the army, and also causing a greater show of deference to the federal authority than the occasion justified. The result was, instead of protection being sent to Brownsville, a company of federal soldiers was sent, which virtually had the effect of affording "protection" to the negro soldiers against danger of attack from the citizens that existed only in the heated imagination of their commanding officer.

Regarding the action of the district judge, not having been backed by the state in demanding the surrender of the prisoners, his act in revoking the warrants was undoubtedly the wisest thing to do under the circumstances. While all must admit that Captain McDonald was entirely within his rights in insisting upon making the arrests so long as he held the warrants, and all must admire the devotion to duty and courage displayed by him in his determination to make the arrests, which he regarded as his duty, yet as the situation seemed to threaten useless bloodshed, and as the civil officers had the word of the government that the negroes would be held at Sam Houston, it was undoubtedly wiser to revoke the warrants.

The Gazette is right, however, in its assumption that the war department intended to act in defiance of the authority of a Texas court. The orders were to remove the prisoners, regardless of warrants by the civil authorities for their arrest, and the fact that those twelve soldiers, who were charged with murder and conspiracy, marched through the town to the train with their guns on their shoulder and belts filled with ammunition, was a bitter humiliation to our people. The question as to whether the government did not violate the rights of the state in that act is a very pertinent one.

DISPATCHES from Fort Reno, Oklahoma, report the arrival at that post of Major Penrose and his band of uniformed ruffians. The report adds that none of the troops are allowed to visit El Reno without a pass. Had the major taken pains to so restrict his men on the first complaints made to him of their disorderly conduct in Brownsville, the later trouble might have been avoided.

THE negroes of Beaumont have organized to prevent the officers from punishing them for lawlessness. This is the result of a recent raid by officers who rounded up about a hundred negro toughs in low, gambling dives of the city and fined them for vagrancy. Major Penrose might find some desirable recruits for his command of negro assassins at Beaumont.

## THE CALLER SPEAKS FOR CORPUS CHRISTI.

Commenting on Brownsville's recent trying experience and with special reference to the remarks of one of its local contemporaries on the subject, which were so insulting to Brownsville, as well as misrepresenting the good people of Corpus Christi themselves, the Caller says:

The tragedy at Brownsville has passed its most acute stage, and while a sense of wrong rankles in the hearts of those who have suffered so much, while we see but faint hope that the uniformed thugs who thus tarnished the glory of the American soldier will be brought to justice, it is better thus than that the blood of that city's best and bravest sons reddened her streets, her women and children exposed to the horrors of savage warfare, as might well have been. Unusually close ties unite the people of Brownsville and Corpus Christi. Though widely separated as society measures distance, we are near neighbors in big Southwest Texas. We are united by ties of mutual interest and friendship, and through all this trouble every heart in Corpus Christi beat in full sympathy with the strained and tortured hearts at Brownsville. So well understood was this feeling here that no formal expression was deemed necessary. Had Brownsville needed the presence of armed men most assuredly no place could have distanced the Corpus Christi contingent in racing for the post of honor and danger. These things being so well recognized here, it is rather a painful surprise to learn that the people of Brownsville are deeply incensed at and have passed resolutions bitterly condemning the idea conveyed by a Corpus Christi publication in referring to the trouble there. For that publication the Caller does not presume to speak, but it does speak for the people of Corpus Christi, and from its files for the past two weeks our neighbors can glean a correct idea of the feelings of our people with regard to the Brownsville tragedy.

The foregoing is naturally very much appreciated by Brownsville. The Caller is mistaken, however, in its understanding that any such resolutions were adopted by our citizens. The absurd and insulting insinuations of the sheet referred to were deemed unworthy of such notice, considering their source.

THE straight talk of the Insurance Commissioner Davis of Nevada to the London and Lancashire Insurance Company, regarding that company's course in squeezing the smaller policy holders who suffered losses in the San Francisco disaster, has the right sound, and it is to be hoped that every state of the Union will emulate the example of Nevada in this matter. Mr. Davis has informed the said company, in plain, unvarnished English, that he is informed, while the said company has settled in full with its wealthy patrons, it has not treated the smaller policy holders with equal fairness, and concludes with the following:

You have no right to make such discriminations. You certainly can not expect to do business on those lines in California and continue to write policies in this state. I have ordered all policies carried by your company on state property canceled, and will give you two weeks

to begin settling, dollar for dollar, in San Francisco, and if there is still complaint of your business methods in San Francisco your license to do business in this state will be revoked.

Such a cool, clean-cut blow, straight from the shoulder, is calculated to give that "blasted English" company something of a shock. It should also have the effect of teaching all of the soulless insurance corporations doing business in this country that honesty is the best policy.

THE assassination of General Von Lirliarsky, acting governor of Warsaw is reported. With such a name, the poor man would doubtless have come to a bad end long ago, had he lived in this country.

DR. MOORE Seguin, who will head the republican ticket against Garner, is described as having been a republican for several years.

THE president, to be consistent, should drop the superfluous "o" and "e" from his own name, and sign it "Rozvelt."

## That Reformed Spelling Method.

President's Order Will Be Extended to All Departments of Government.

Oyster Bay, Aug. 28.—President Roosevelt's correspondence is now spelled in accordance with the recommendation of the Carnegie spelling reform committee, of which Prof. Brander Matthews is chairman.

The official list of 300 reformed words reached the executive office yesterday and letters which were mailed yesterday afternoon were spelled in accordance therewith. This list will be the official dictionary of the executive staff henceforth and when the committee shall add new words to the list, the recommendations are to be immediately adopted.

The president's order regarding phonetic spelling will be extended to all parts of the government.

By his direction all public documents will be printed with that form of spelling. At a meeting held yesterday, called by Public Printer Stillings, all chief clerks of the various departments were present and a committee was appointed to formulate rules for carrying out this order.

The committee will report at a future meeting.

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